

## **IDAHO CROP RESIDUE DISPOSAL REMINDER**

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) reminds growers to burn crop residue in accordance with Idaho Code, Title 22, Chapter 48, “Smoke Management and Crop Residue Disposal” and IDAPA 02.06.16, “Crop Residue Disposal Rules.”

**Field Registration** – All persons in Idaho are required to register each field to be burned with the ISDA on an annual basis prior to burning crop residue. Persons burning in the ten Northern Idaho counties of Idaho, Lewis, Nez Perce, Clearwater, Latah, Shoshone, Benewah, Kootenai, Bonner, and Boundary are required to pay registration fees. There is no registration fee for field burning in all other Idaho counties.

**Registration Forms** - Approved forms for registering fields may be obtained from offices of ISDA, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ), County Extension Educators or Soil Conservation District offices. The field burning registration form is also available on the ISDA Smoke Management website at <http://www.agri.idaho.gov/agresource/SMP/public/Registration.htm>. A single form is required for each person, however, more than one (1) field may be listed on a single form. County, township, range, and section for each field registered must be included on the registration form. Completed forms shall be submitted to ISDA and shall include permit numbers for any burning permits issued by county, state, or federal agencies, or local fire protection authorities. All registration forms for fields located in Idaho, Lewis, Nez Perce, Clearwater, Latah, Shoshone, Benewah, Kootenai, Bonner, and Boundary counties shall be forwarded to ISDA and must be accompanied by payment of a two dollar (\$2) per acre fee.

**Burn Authorization** - All persons must contact ISDA directly at 866-224-2456 for burn authorization. ISDA will be unable to grant permission for any field that is not registered properly.

### **Crop Residue Disposal Requirements:**

- All persons planning to burn crop residue in Idaho shall not burn if the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) have been reached, are predicted to reach, and persist at a level that would result in an exceedence of NAAQS.
- In conjunction with the IDEQ rules, IDAPA 58.01.01, “Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho,” Section 556, no new fires shall be ignited when particulate matter levels reach eighty percent (80%) of the one (1) hour action criteria for particulate matter of two and one-half (2.5) microns or less, and are predicted to remain above those levels.
- Burning of crop residue shall not be conducted on weekends or federal or state holidays.
- Burning of crop residue shall not be conducted unless the department has designated that day a burn day.
- Disposal of crop residue through burning shall be conducted in the field where it was generated.
- All persons intending to burn crop residue shall attend a crop residue burning training session provided by ISDA, and shall attend a crop residue disposal refresher training session every five (5) years.
- All field burning shall be prohibited during an IDEQ air stagnation advisory.
- All persons burning crop residue in Idaho shall first obtain approval to burn prior to field ignition. All persons burning crop residue shall also report to ISDA the date burning was conducted and the number of acres burned.
- Burning of fields adjacent to roads and highways shall be approved on a case-by-case basis taking into account the time of day, field size and wind direction.
- All persons intending to burn crop residue shall obtain any additional applicable permits from federal, state or local fire control authorities prior to receiving ISDA approval to burn crop residue.

**Crop Residue Disposal Guidelines** – ISDA reminds all persons to ensure proper traffic control safeguards are in place and that adequate fire breaks, buffer areas and fire fighting equipment are on hand. It is important to practice back-firing and strip-firing techniques that burn the crop residue against the wind and to burn crop residue only after properly dried to produce minimum smoke output.

Please contact the Growers Hotline at 866-224-2456 if you have questions concerning registering your fields or to obtain burning authorization. Additional information regarding the Idaho Smoke Management Program is available at [www.idahosmokemanagement.org](http://www.idahosmokemanagement.org).